



SHLB Coalition Congressional Policy Meeting Notes

9.8.2026

1. Announcements

- a. AnchorNets - [Registration](#)
 - i. We are still looking for a few more volunteers, please let us know if you are available and will get free registration.
- b. SHLB [board elections](#)

2. USF Congressional Working Group

- a. Updates
- b. USF BiPartisan Working Group that has been chartered to come up with a solution with the problem of the funding of the USF
- c. Joey among others were invited to see the working draft on Sept 1st
 - i. This session was pulled down and did not happen including others that were also cancelled.
 - 1. The reasoning was a scheduling conflict within the House
- d. -: In the post - there is a proposal to save Social Security with some support to increase taxes.
 - i. Can we tie this as we are both looking for a long standing funding program.? The same dynamic is playing out
- e. -: Is there anything we should think about doing on the state side re: our reps on the working group? Or do we wait until after Nov?
 - i. Yes, Capito is on the working group and check-in with your reps and let them know it is a problem.
- f. -: How do you generate more stakeholder support for USF and a better balance?
Ex: Cybersecurity Industry
 - i.

3. Americans for Tax Reform

- a. [Response to letter](#)

4. NTIA Listening Session

- a. 9/15/26 at 7 pm EDT
- b. [Register](#)
 - i. Will focus on screentime and how it will relate to E-Rate

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2026-09-08 14:04:22 From Joey Wender, SHLB to Everyone:

<chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://atr.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Opportunity-Broadband-Taxes-to-Bail-Out-USF.pdf>

2026-09-08 14:04:34 From Joey Wender, SHLB to Everyone:

(agenda item #3 -- ATF letter)

2026-09-08 14:05:59 From Kristen Engebretsen to Everyone:

<https://www.shlb.org/board-elections>

2026-09-08 14:07:59 From Kristen Engebretsen to Everyone:

AnchorNets volunteer form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8KWrdDYnW0NDHsGmfxobYyQaebICUpMjRS3wfRM7IExoRVA/viewform?usp=header>

2026-09-08 14:11:29 From -: to Everyone:

Joey, do you think the objections came from the cable industry?

2026-09-08 14:12:09 From -: to Everyone:

It is Monday

2026-09-08 14:14:04 From -: to Everyone:

Is there anything we should think about doing on the state side re: our reps on the working group? Or do we wait until after Nov?

2026-09-08 14:18:30 From -: to Everyone:

As one who is getting SS, I'm all for it! 😊

2026-09-08 14:21:07 From -: to Everyone:

Driving and the car phone are fighting me!

2026-09-08 14:27:16 From -: to Everyone:

<https://www.cybersecuritycoalition.org>

2026-09-08 14:29:35 From -: to Everyone:

<https://www.itic.org/advocacy/united-states>

2026-09-08 14:31:32 From -: to Everyone:

Has composition of the bipartisan working group for USF reform been pretty stable over time, or what degree does that composition matter for moving beyond the working group?